

James Thomas Bridgforth III

Criminal No. GLR-11-0102

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

To: Honorable Judge George L. Russell III

THANK you for your return letter, but what I was ASKING Your Honor for was help with a recommendation or request to the Residential Reentry Office, Regional Director Ms. Angela Dunbar or Mr. Mark Inch to allow me to get 6-9 months HALFway house time going "FORWARD". This is not about time credit before I started serving my sentence, THIS is about my HALFway house now that I'm ready to return home. Baltimore's Volunteer of America Federal HALFway House is only getting funded for 4 months, but I have my commercial license and a job ready for me once home, that I will be able to pay what ever balance for the remainder of half way house time not covered by the government. I'm only ASKING for a plea of assistance from Your Honor to help a rehabilitated man whom served up to 70% - 80% of his sentence obtain 2-5 months HALF way house. I have accepted full responsibility for what I've done that got me here. I am humbly ASKING for help and sending proof of my achievements while in prison. I do very much thank you in advance for your help.

James T. Bridgforth

Thank You

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. JEFFERY MICHAEL MARSHALL**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**  
**2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10499**  
**No. 2:16-CR-00096 REEVES/CORKER**  
**January 23, 2018, Decided**

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**Judges:** Pamela L Reeves, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE.

**Opinion**

**Opinion by:** Pamela L Reeves

**Opinion**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the court on the defendant's *pro se* motion for a recommendation that his sentence be served at a community corrections center (halfway house) [R. 347]. Defendant states that the court may grant his request pursuant to the Second Chance Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b)(4)(B).

The government opposes the motion, stating that defendant's request for halfway house placement is premature, and defendant has not cited any statutory authority under which the court could grant the requested relief [R. 353].

On October 12, 2017, defendant was sentenced to 22 months imprisonment, followed by four years of supervised release, for conspiracy to distribute marijuana. Defendant's projected release date is May 27, 2019.

The Second Chance Act of 2007 increases the possible duration of pre-release placement in a community corrections center from six months to twelve months and requires the Bureau of Prisons to make an individual determination that ensures any placement is of sufficient duration to provide the inmate with the greatest likelihood of successful reintegration into the community. See 18 U.S.C. § 3624. However, as noted by the government, there is no statutory authority for the court to order the Bureau of Prisons to consider defendant for early halfway house placement. Although a sentencing court may recommend a particular type of prison facility for a defendant, any recommendation or request by the court that a convicted person serve a term of imprisonment in a halfway house has no binding effect on the authority of the Bureau of Prisons to determine or change the place of imprisonment. See *Tapia v. United States*, 564 U.S. 319, 131 S. Ct. 2382, 2390, 180 L. Ed. 2d 357 (2011).

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The court notes the government's objection, but finds that although the court cannot order the Bureau of Prisons to transfer defendant to a halfway house, the court can make a recommendation for defendant. Accordingly, for the good cause stated, defendant's motion is **GRANTED**, and the court **RECOMMENDS** that defendant be allowed to spend twelve months of his sentence at a community corrections center. This is a recommendation only, as the Bureau of Prisons retains discretion under the Second Chance Act to decide whether and when the defendant should be placed in community confinement. See *Lovett v. Hogsten*, 2009 U.S. App. LEXIS 28957, 2009 WL 5851205 (6th Cir. Dec. 29, 2009).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Pamela L Reeves

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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